

State of New Hampshire DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY WET #SC2003-0016

September 30, 2003

Kristin Sayer & Michael Charland 65 Ledge Road Seabrook, NH 03874

RE: DES Wetlands File #2001-879, Sayer/Charland (former owner Dupere), 65 Ledge Road, Seabrook Tax Map 5 / Lot 8-4

Dear Ms. Sayer & Mr. Charland:

As you are aware, on September 24, 2003, personnel from the Department of Environmental Services ("DES") conducted an inspection of the above referenced property, more specifically referenced on Town of Seabrook Tax Map 5 as Lot 8-4 (the "Property"). The purpose of the inspection was to respond to a complaint of dredging in freshwater wetlands and determine compliance with RSA 482-A and NH Code of Admin. Rules Wt 100-700.

During the inspection DES personnel determined that dredging and/or disturbance of the substrate of approximately 3,000 sq. ft. of freshwater wetlands took place on the property without a permit from the DES Wetlands Bureau.

DES requests that you take the following action:

- 1. Retain a qualified wetland consultant to generate a plan which depicts existing conditions showing the topography of the property, and quantifies by field survey the current extent of disturbance in jurisdictional wetlands, and a restoration plan, as described below.
- 2. Submit both the existing conditions plan, and a restoration plan no later than November 1 2003 for review and approval including:
 - a. A plan with dimensions for the restoration of approximately 3,000 sq. ft. of unpermitted dredging in wetlands.
 - b. Planting plan (forested wetland species) for the stabilization of the removal area;
 - c. Equipment and methods of erosion control (silt fence, hay bales, etc.);
 - d. Construction sequence and timetable for accomplishing remediation no later than April 1, 2004.
- 3. Retain a qualified wetland consultant to supervise and execute the requests of this letter.

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- 4. Execute the restoration plan immediately upon receipt of the restoration plan approval from the DES Wetlands Bureau.
- 5. If the area is not going to be restored prior to winter, then please apply temporary seeding and hay mulch over the entire area and install silt fence around the disturbed wetland area to stabilize the area.

RSA 482-A, the New Hampshire Wetlands law, was enacted to protect and preserve wetlands and surface waters from unregulated despoliation. Prior to dredging or filling in and adjacent to wetlands or surface waters, an individual is required to obtain a permit from the Wetlands Bureau. If work is done without a permit from the Wetlands Bureau, this is considered a violation of RSA 482-A. Failure to respond to this Letter of Deficiency in a timely and complete manner may be construed as noncompliance by the receiving party.

Issuance of this letter shall not preclude further enforcement by DES. Failure to comply with RSA 482-A will result in enforcement by DES, including but not limited to the issuance of fines, administrative orders, or referral to the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General for prosecution of civil or criminal penalties. If an order is issued to you, it may also be recorded with the Registry of Deeds as an encumbrance against your property.

All documents submitted in response to this Letter of Deficiency should be addressed as follows:

David Price, Compliance Investigator Wetlands Bureau Department of Environmental Services 360 Corporate Drive Suite 2 Portsmouth, NH 03801

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or wish to arrange a meeting, please contact David Price at the Pease Field Office at (603) 433-6183 or e-mail at dprice@des.state.nh.us.

Sincerely,
Dori Wiggin
Coastal Supervisor

DES Wetlands Bureau

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